Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 23 Aug 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 24 Aug 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 23 Aug 2023 at 02:47 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for showery weather to continue over the next few days.

Headline for Wednesday 23 Aug 2023: Often cloudy with scattered showers, driest and brightest in the northeast

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 23 Aug 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Light rain showers	Heavy rain showers	Cloudy	Light rain
Precipitation probability					
20%	40%	40%	40%	30%	30%

Forecast for Wednesday 23 Aug 2023

Weather: Many ranges away from the west coast starting off dry but cloud and showers developing through the morning away from the far north where it will remain dry until late morning. The afternoon will often be cloudy with scattered showers and some showers into the evening, but cloud then thickening to bring outbreaks of heavy rain.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60%, best chance across Sutherland, Caithness and Easter Ross

Low cloud and visibility: Good visibility outside of cloud and showers. Areas of cloud between 600 and 900 metres, this most extensive across Skye, northern Lochaber and Wester Ross where summits may often be shrouded in cloud by afternoon

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	20/26 S	22/26 S	27/33 S	26/32 SW	21/26 SW	21/25 S	22/28 S
900	21/26 S	20/25 S	25/31 S	24/30 SW	20/25 SW	19/24 S	20/26 S
600	14/21 SW	14/18 S	18/24 S	17/24 S	14/20 S	12/17 S	14/19 S
300	3/15 SW	2/13 S	5/20 S	5/22 SW	5/19 SW	2/14 S	2/18 S
Glen	1/6 NE	4/11 S	9/19 S	12/24 SW	8/17 S	5/13 SE	7/19 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	6/1	6/2	7/2	7/3	7/3	7/2	7/2
900	7/2	7/3	8/3	8/4	8/4	7/3	7/3
600	9/6	10/7	10/7	10/7	10/7	10/7	9/7
300	10/10	12/12	13/12	13/12	12/11	11/11	11/11
Glen	12/12	14/14	15/13	15/13	14/13	14/14	14/13
Freezing Level*	2100m	2300m	2300m	2400m	2200m	2200m	2200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Rather cold brisk winds expected over the tops

Forecast for Thursday 24 Aug 2023
Weather: Some heavy rain overnight and at first in the northeast Thursday morning. Rain clearing away northwards in the morning then the rest of the day will see bright or sunny intervals and scattered showers, these most frequent across the west of the area. Showers may turn heavy at times.

Maximum wind: Westerly 20 mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60%

Low cloud and visibility: Moderate or poor in heavy rain at first, then very good visibility outside of cloud and showers. Poor visibility developing in showers as well as cloud down to 600 to 800 metres, lowest cloud bases will be along the west coast.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 12 rising to 18 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 9 Celsius
Freezing level: Above the summits

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